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SUBJECT: FRENCH GOVERNMENT RESIGNS -- MESSMER REAPPOINTED PRIME
MINISTER

POUCHED: BORDEAUX, LYON, MARSEILLE, MARTINIQUE, NICE, STRASBOURG

1. ELYSEE PRESS SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED AT NOON TODAY, FOLLOWING
COUNCIL OF MINISTER' MEETING, THAT PIERRE MESSMER HAD SUBMITTED
HIS RESIGNATION AS PRIME MINISTER AND THE RESIGNATION OF ALL OTHER
MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU. SPOKESMAN
ADDED THAT PRESIDENT POMPIDOU WILL REAPPOINT MESSMER AS PRIME
MINISTER. HE SAID OTHER MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD BE NAMED
" AT ANOTHER TIME, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SCHEDULE."

2. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE SCENARIO FOR NEXT WEEK WILL BE AS
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FOLLOWS: ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE, ON A CARETAKER BASIS, FOR THEIR FORMER MINISTRIES. PRIME MINISTER WILL SIT ALONE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE GOVERNMENT BENCH WHEN PARLIAMENTARY SESSION OPENS APRIL 2. FOLLOWING IMPORTANT VOTES FOR PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY AND OTHER ASSEMBLY OFFICIALS, AND AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOUAH' S CHAIRMANSHIP OF LIBERATION COMMITTEE. BAAH JUST RETURNED FROM TRIP TO EAST AFRICA AND ZAMBIA WHERE HE HELPED MEDIATE AT OAU- ARRANGED ZAPU/ ZANU RECONCILIATION. GDS.
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